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SUBJECT: WINTEX/CIMEX 79

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1. YOU ARE CORRECT IN SUGGESTING PREVIOUS WASHINGTON
GUIDANCE RE INCREASE IN NATO IS POSITIONS IS STILL
VALID, AND WE CONCUR IN PROPOSED REPLY TO SYG LUNS QUOTED
IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL.

2. REFERENCE DRAFT EXERCISE SPECIFICATION CONTAINED IN
PO/77/25. DISCUSSIONS HERE INDICATE SERIOUS QUESTIONS
CONCERNING THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR AN 18 DAY EXERCISE.
ALTHOUGH THE EXERCISE CONCEPT IS ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE,
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THE TIME ALLOTTED SUGGESTS AN OVERLY AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING
THAT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE OF CIVIL-MILITARY
EXERCISE EXPERIENCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON
THE SUBJECT BEARING IN MIND THAT RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON
BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC FOR SUCH COMMITMENTS ARE LIKELY
TO SHRINK RATHER THAN EXPAND.
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